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Service

Washington, DC
20250

Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Solicitation Mailing List Application, SF-129, Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) one week prior to bid opening (September 26, 2003) or your company may be considered non-responsible.

FV-214

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 11, 2003

Fresh Vegetables, Announcement FV-214, Invitation 024

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh vegetables as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Friday, September 26, 2003.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, **Friday, October 10, 2003.** Deliveries are to be made from December 15, 2003, to March 10, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Fresh Russet Potatoes	50-lb bags	21,600 cases
Fresh Round, White Potatoes	50-lb bags	1,600 cases

No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this Invitation.

Note: *Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY2004. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.*

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.**

This Invitation contains line item identified as "**Kosher Only**". Offerors must not bid on this item unless they are properly certified to produce Kosher products. Vendors must attest to compliance with applicable dietary (KOSHER) laws as established by the "613 COUNCIL OF KASHRUT".

Vendors receiving contract item(s) identified as **KOSHER** must contact the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York at (646) 472-5369. A rabbinic supervisor will be sent to visit the plant to certify compliance with the applicable dietary (KOSHER) laws.



Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-214; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables dated October 1999; or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0239, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-214, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV214
 INVITATION : 024
 COMM GROUP : 38 VEGETABLES, FRESH
 COMM TYPE : 10 POTATOES, RUSSET, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 60 50 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/15/03 - 12/17/03					
001	BATESVILLE	MS	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____
002	ELMIRA	MI		1,600	_____
003	KALAMAZOO	MI	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____
004	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/05/04 - 01/07/04					
005	LEBANON	TN	TRUCK ONLY	300	_____
	MEMPHIS	TN	TRUCK ONLY	500	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/12/04 - 01/14/04					
006	ELMIRA	MI		1,600	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/19/04 - 01/21/04					
007	CHATTANOOGA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	275	_____
	LEBANON	TN	TRUCK ONLY	525	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/26/04 - 01/28/04					
008	MOBILE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	200	_____
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		600	_____
009	ATLANTA	GA		250	_____
	JONESBORO	GA	TRUCK ONLY	350	_____
	LAWRENCEVILLE	GA	TRUCK ONLY	200	_____
010	EAST BERNSTADT	KY	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____
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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/26/04 - 01/28/04					
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	248	
012	ALCOA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	600	
	COOKEVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	200	
013	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	350	
	MARTIN	TN	TRUCK ONLY	225	
	OWENSBORO	KY	TRUCK ONLY	225	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/09/04 - 02/11/04					
014	NATICK	MA	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	TAUNTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	400	
015	SPRINGFIELD	MA	TRUCK ONLY	200	
	WILMINGTON	MA		600	
016	LEXINGTON	SC		800	
017	ELMIRA	MI		1,600	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/04 - 02/18/04					
018	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	375	
	DOUGLAS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	425	
019	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	800	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/23/04 - 02/25/04					
020	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	365	
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	435	
021	KALAMAZOO	MI	TRUCK ONLY	800	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/04 - 03/03/04

022	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	100
	LEXINGTON	SC		700

DELIVERY PERIOD 03/08/04 - 03/10/04

023	ELMIRA	MI		1,600
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 21,600

COMM TYPE : 11 POTATOES, FRESH, ROUND, WHITE
 PACK SIZE : 50 50 LB BAG

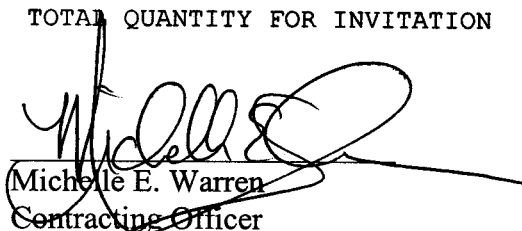
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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/26/04 - 01/28/04

024	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	** KOSHER ONLY
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 1,600

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 23,200


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 Contracting Officer

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